

The United States Senate said it this way:

"... In the high schools of the United States, there exists among students who have been elected to student body office in their junior or senior years a potential reservoir of young citizens who are experiencing their first responsibilities of service to a constituency and who should be encouraged to deepen their interest in and understanding of their country's political processes..."



U.S. Senate Resolution 324, unanimously approved, 1962

In the 42 years since then, each year, two student leaders from each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity spend a week in Washington seeing their national government in action. After visits with national leaders on Capitol Hill, at the White House, Supreme Court, Pentagon and State Department, each delegate is awarded a \$5,000 college scholarship.

Through the United States Senate Youth Program, over 4,300 young people have had this lifetime experience - 104 delegates each year - as all expenses paid guests of the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. Traditionally, the foundation has demonstrated a strong commitment to the nation's youth and has administered and fully funded the program since its inception.

Make sure YOUR student leaders know about this opportunity, December 1st is the national deadline for next year's program, February 26 - March 5, 2005. Earlier state education departments' deadline dates vary. Please contact your high school principal, chief state school officer or access the program's web site as shown below for your state's selection administrator.

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